



# NEWS RELEASE

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## Two Rescued from Cajon Pass

**Date/Time:** 10/12/2023, 9:18 AM  
**Location:** Northbound I-15, north of Kenwood  
**Incident:** Over the Side Rescue

### Summary:

Yesterday morning a traffic collision resulted in one vehicle going down an embankment in the Cajon Pass. Due to vehicle being off the roadway, an “over the side rescue” assignment was started.

Firefighters arrived on scene to find one vehicle approximately 100-150’ down from the freeway into a ravine. Crews make access down to the car and found two victims inside. One victim was trapped & the other was able to self extricate. Crews utilized extrication equipment commonly referred to as the “Jaws of Life” to make access and free the victim. Simultaneously Rescue personnel completed a rope rescue system to safely bring one of the victims back to the roadway.

San Bernardino County Sheriff Air Rescue was dispatched early on to hoist & transport the more critical patient. A #SBCoFD Firefighter-Paramedic was inserted to assist with patient care & loading of the patient. The patient and firefighter were then hoisted in to the hovering helicopter for expeditious transport to a trauma canter.

San Bernardino County Fire responded with four Engines, a Rescue, a Medic Squad and a Battalion Chief.

San Bernardino County Sheriff responded with a Rescue & Patrol Helicopter. Two SBCoFD Personnel are assigned to Sheriff Air Rescue program and provide staffing to augment SBSO staff Monday - Thursday. This important partnership is utilized for many rescue and fire missions countywide.